HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council – Planning Dept
LOCATION:	Roundstone Park Worthing Road Southwater West Sussex
DESCRIPTION:	Discharge S106 obligation (DC/22/0096) relating to Schedule 2, Part 5 in relation to the submission of the Tree Plan
REFERENCE:	S106/24/0011
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice / More information

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATION:

Manager revisions and sign off in blue.

34 new trees are proposed to be planted at Rayland's Country Park in order to discharge the S106 obligations under DC/22/0096, which require the provision of at least 33 trees on a separate site within Southwater Parish.

The planting palette is welcomed, however we have recommendations for successful establishment and long term retention of proposed trees.

MAIN COMMENTS:

1. While fruiting trees are welcomed, concern is raised over their proposed locations in proximity to the caravans. Fruit fall may be undesirable for residents which may give rise to pressure for their removal in future. For comfort, we recommend that a statement confirming that the parks occupiers are aware and on board with the proposed tree planting or that they be moved to a more open area of the site that safeguards their retention and creates a harmonious relationship with occupiers.
    a. In particular, we advise the Malus spp, ~~Prunus cerasifera and Pyrus calleryana~~ are moved to the open area where Fagus sylvatica and Acer campestre are currently located.
    ~~b. We would advise in general to make better use of the open spaces however the remaining fruiting trees are of lesser concern than the above.~~
2. Please provide information on watering regimes for successful establishment.
    a. In particular, Betula pendula may struggle to establish without irrigation and regular watering. Please provide the above information and/or

consider alternative native species that are more tolerant of the changing climate.

3. In regard to planting, please add and amend the following:
    a. Base of tree pit should be left undisturbed unless significant drainage problems are apparent. (Sections 2.2 & 8)
    b. Backfill should replicate existing soil profile by using soil excavated from planting pits, only amended with imported soils if necessary. No fertiliser should be used. (Sections 2.2, 2.5 & 8)
    c. Leave a 120mm collar free of mulch to prevent the trunk from rotting. (Section 4.0)
    d. Base of trees to be hand weeded regularly, especially during May-Sep. Note that chemical fertilisers, pesticides and herbicides including glyphosate are not to be applied at any time due to impacts on neighbouring Ancient Woodland and the protection of its ecological features. Alternative methods for ground preparation should be considered such as hot foam or hot water systems. (Section 2.1)
    e. Stakes and ties to be checked regularly and adjusted, repaired or replaced and removed upon successful establishment.

RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS: N/A

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